



# NOTICE OF RACE



## SAIL NEWPORT 2009 BLIND NATIONAL SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Host Site: Sail Newport Sailing Center**  
**August 24, 2009: C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic**  
**August 25-27, 2009: Racing**  
**Newport, RI**

### 1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Sail Newport.

### 2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 Regatta Rules require that a blind sailor is designated as helmsman and blind crew members as sail trimmer. The sighted crew may not helm while racing and is limited to trimming *either* the mainsheet or jib sheets but not both. It is strongly encouraged that the blind sailors handle the mainsheet.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to teams of four.
- 3.2 The skipper and one crew member **MUST** be blind or visually impaired with a USABA Classification for Blindness Category B1, B2 or B3. At least one crew member must be fully sighted.

### 4 ADVERTISING

As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

### 5 ENTRIES

There will be an entry fee of \$255 per boat to help offset prizes and miscellaneous expenses. Participation is open to a maximum of eleven (11) completed applications. Entries shall be submitted online at [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org) and will be received on a first-come, first-served basis. Entries must be submitted by Friday, August 14, 2009. **Note:** Limited financial aid may be available. For more information contact: Larry Gadsby ([lgadsby@jwu.edu](mailto:lgadsby@jwu.edu)). A financial aid form is available on the regatta website.

### 6 REGISTRATION

Each skipper or his representative must attend the skippers' meeting to be held at the Sail Newport Regatta Tent at 0900 on August 25, 2009. All participants are required to submit a crew waiver. Crew waiver forms will be available at registration.

### 7 CLASS

- 7.1 J/22 (boats will be provided by Sail Newport).
- 7.2 J/22s will be available for practice on a reservation basis. Call the Sail Newport Dock Office at (401) 849-8385 to schedule a practice time. There is no additional charge for one 3-hour practice.

### 8 SCHEDULE OF CLINIC AND RACES

<b>Sunday, August 23, 2009</b>	
1500 hrs – 1700 hrs	Early Registration for Clinic and Regatta for the Blind Nationals sailors:

	Regatta tent at Alofsin Piers at Sail Newport
1730 hrs	Clinic opening followed by Picnic Dinner with a speaker
<b>Monday, August 24, 2009</b>	
0900 – 1000hrs	Morning Check-in/Registration for Clinic
1000 hrs – 1200 hrs	Clinic
1200 hrs – 1300 hrs	Lunch ashore or on the Water
1300 hrs – 1600 hrs	Practice starts and race for all regatta competitors
1600 hrs – 1700 hrs	Coaches' Review of Days Activities under Tent
1800 hrs	Opening Reception. Location /Regatta Tent at Alofsin Pier at Sail Newport.
<b>Tuesday, August 25, 2009</b>	
0900 hrs	Skippers Meeting / Boat Draw for Blind Nationals
1100 hrs – 1600 hrs	First Start, Racing
1600 – 1700	Coaches' Debrief (No organized dinner for competitors)
<b>Wednesday, August 26, 2009</b>	
0900 hrs	Boat Draw for Blind Nationals
1000	First Start, Racing
After Racing	Coaches' Debrief – Cookout for Competitors
<b>Thursday, August 26, 2009</b>	
0900 hrs	Boat Draw for Blind Nationals
1000	First Start, Racing
After Racing	Awards at Regatta Tent

\*lunches will ONLY be provided for the competitors, Race Committee, Judges, Clinic Coaches, Classifiers and Regatta Officials.

## 9 COURSES

Courses will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

## 10 SCORING

A minimum of four races must be completed to constitute a series. A boat's worst score will be discarded if at least six races are completed.

## **11 PENALTIES**

The Racing Rules of Sailing Part 4 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are modified so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **12 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall teams.

## **13 SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

All participants shall supply and wear PFD's at all times while on the water except temporarily while adding or removing clothing.

## **14 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions shall be handed out to competitors at the skippers' meeting on August 25.

## **15 HOUSING**

Accommodation assistance is available by contacting Peg Hawkins at the Carroll Center for the Blind.

## **16 CONTACT INFORMATION**

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